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Second Calendar Day - Second Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives
Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, January 12, 2021

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:34 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Hancock of Baxter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stacia Drey, Speaker's Page from Marion.

The Journal of Monday, January 11, 2021, was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 1](#), by Bossman, a bill for an act relating to the child and dependent care and early childhood development tax credits, and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 2](#), by Bossman, a bill for an act relating to the construction of child care facilities by providing developers with sales and use tax refunds and income, franchise, moneys and credits, and gross premiums tax credits, providing for a fee, and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Economic Growth**.

[House File 3](#), by Bossman, a bill for an act permitting businesses' new onsite daycare facilities or businesses' expansion of existing onsite daycare facilities to qualify as projects under the high quality jobs program, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Economic Growth**.

[House File 4](#), by Bossman, a bill for an act providing businesses with income, franchise, moneys and credits, and gross premiums tax credits for providing child care benefits to employees of the business, and including applicability date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 5](#), by Bossman, a bill for an act expanding the health care professional recruitment program.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 6](#), by A. Meyer, a bill for an act establishing a child care workforce state matching grants program and fund administered by the early childhood Iowa state board to award matching state grants to eligible communities and making an appropriation.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Bradley of Jones moved that a committee of two be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee Bradley of Jones, Chair and Lundgren of Dubuque.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE

Mr. Speaker: Your committee appointed to determine the mileage each member is entitled to begs leave to submit the following report:

Name	Round Trip Miles
Ako Abdul-Samad	NONE
Martha J. Anderson	NONE
Edgar L. Andrews	NONE
Robert P. Bacon.....	56
Terry C. Baxter	252
Elizabeth A. Bennett.....	252
Michael R. Bergan.....	440
Brian L. Best.....	174
Jane E. Bloomingdale	284
Brooke R. Boden.....	38

Name	Round Trip Miles
Christina Bohannon	230
Jacob I. Bossman	364
Steven P. Bradley.....	352
Wesley C. Breckenridge.....	70
Holly A. Brink	124
Timi M. Brown-Powers	229
Dennis J. Bush.....	366
Susan L. Cahill	108
Mark A. Cisneros	314
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David R. Deyoe.....	84
Cecil Dolecheck	180
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Tracy A. Ehlert.....	224
Dean C. Fisher	122
John J. Forbes.....	NONE
Nelson Joel Fry	108
Ruth Ann Gaines	NONE
Thomas D. Gerhold	214
Eric J. Gjerde	240
Jennifer C. Glover Konfrst.....	NONE
Garrett G. Gobble.....	NONE
Martin L. Graber.....	334
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Stanley R. Gustafson	44
Christopher C. Hall.....	406
Steven D. Hansen	374
Lee A. Hein.....	340
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Bruce L. Hunter	NONE
Chad G. Ingels	318
Charles W. Isenhardt.....	404
Jonathan A. Jacobsen	258
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Lindsay B. James.....	402
Thomas M. Jeneary.....	442
Megan L.H. Jones	360
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David L. Kerr	288
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John R. Landon	NONE
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Brian K. Lohse	NONE
Shannon L. Lundgren.....	384
Mary J. Mascher	240
David E. Maxwell.....	170
Clinton C. McClintock.....	280

Name	Round Trip Miles
Charles H. McConkey	260
Ann M. Meyer	188
Brian J. Meyer	NONE
Joseph P. Mitchell.....	260
Gary M. Mohr.....	372
Norlin G. Mommsen.....	360
Thomas J. Moore.....	201
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Carter F. Nordman	56
Joanne M. Oldson	NONE
Rick L. Olson.....	NONE
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Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Bacon, Chair
Brian L. Best
Jennifer C. Glover Konfrst

Bacon of Story moved that the report of the committee on mileage be accepted.

The motion prevailed and the report was accepted.

EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

Dolecheck of Ringgold moved that the recommendations of the House Committee on Administration and Rules, regarding employees of the House, be accepted and that those named employees be elected as employees of the House.

The motion prevailed and the following named persons were duly elected:

January 11, 2021

To: Administration and Rules Committee

From: Meghan Nelson, Chief Clerk

The following is a list of the officers and employees of the House:

Meghan JVW Nelson	Chief Clerk of the House
Jason M. Chapman	Senior Assistant Chief Clerk of the House
Jeffrey G. Mitchell	Senior Caucus Staff Director
Joseph P. Romano	Senior Caucus Staff Director
Bradley A. Trow	Senior Deputy Caucus Staff Director
Melissa M. Deatsch	Administrative Assistant I to Speaker
Haley J. Hook	Administrative Assistant I to Leader
Mackenzie J. Nading	Senior Administrative Assistant to Leader I
Laura A. Steven	Senior Administrative Assistant to Speaker I
D. Dean Fiihr, Jr.	Senior Administrative Assistant to Leader II
Jake D. Friedrichsen	Senior Administrative Assistant to Leader II
Jessica L. Flannery	Legislative Research Analyst
Kristin A. Rozeboom	Legislative Research Analyst
Jason A. Covey	Legislative Research Analyst I
Benjamin M. Gentz	Legislative Research Analyst I
Kelsey A. Thien	Legislative Research Analyst I
Natalie B. Ginty	Legislative Research Analyst II
Brian E. Guillaume	Legislative Research Analyst II
Alison R. Ver Schuer	Legislative Research Analyst II
Kristi L. Kious	Legislative Research Analyst III
Amanda J. Wille	Legislative Research Analyst III
David L. Epley	Senior Legislative Research Analyst
William T.D. Freeland	Senior Legislative Research Analyst
Kristi L. Kious	Senior Legislative Research Analyst
Lewis E. Olson	Senior Legislative Research Analyst
Rachelle D. Thomas	Senior Legislative Research Analyst
Stephanie A. Philipps	Caucus Secretary
Ashley A. Beall	Senior Caucus Secretary
Doreen R. Freeman	Senior Administrative Services Officer
Susan K. Jennings	Senior Administrative Services Officer
Kristin L. Wentz	Senior Administrative Services Officer
Robin L. Bennett	Administrative Services Officer III
Molly M. Dolan	Administrative Services Officer III

Savannah G. Prescott	Administrative Services Officer I
Michelle A. Halverson-Haupts.....	Administrative Services Officer
Kelly M. Bronsink	Senior Finance Officer III
Phyllis J. Pierce	Finance Officer II
Jonathan C. Ball	Switchboard Operator
Gina M. Battani	Legislative Secretary
Deborah J. Baxter	Legislative Secretary
Sarah L. Bell	Legislative Secretary
Candace J. Bradley	Legislative Secretary
John W. Brandsgard	Legislative Secretary
Rosalie C. Brandsgard	Legislative Secretary
Shannon M. Brisbois	Legislative Secretary
Haley Brouillet	Legislative Secretary
Beverly A. Burns	Legislative Secretary
Deborah L. Bush	Legislative Secretary
Emilyn S. Crabbe	Legislative Secretary
Merlie T. Crowley	Legislative Secretary
Mason E. Donelson	Legislative Secretary
Ethan Dunn	Legislative Secretary
Laura N. Engel	Legislative Secretary
Deidre J. Fudge	Legislative Secretary
Grant E. Gale	Legislative Secretary
Joyce L. Godwin	Legislative Secretary
Ellen T. Goodmann Miller	Legislative Secretary
Connie L. Graber	Legislative Secretary
Lydia R. Greene	Legislative Secretary
Jackson D. Guilford	Legislative Secretary
Betty M. Gustafson	Legislative Secretary
Greta Haas	Legislative Secretary
Olivia A. Habinck	Legislative Secretary
Grayson R. Hardin	Legislative Secretary
Riley Hayes	Legislative Secretary
Jacob G. Holck	Legislative Secretary
Camryn G. Huyser	Legislative Secretary
Anna Jacoby	Legislative Secretary
Kathi L. Judge	Legislative Secretary
Catherine S. Jury	Legislative Secretary
Alexandra J. Kraber	Legislative Secretary
Robert W. Kroeschell	Legislative Secretary
Lauren S. Lawson	Legislative Secretary
Annabelle M. Mack	Legislative Secretary
Marlene J. Martens	Legislative Secretary
Cody J. McCreedy	Legislative Secretary
Anahi Morales Jiminez	Legislative Secretary
Erica E. Nasstrom	Legislative Secretary
Alyssa A. Noe	Legislative Secretary
Valerie J.G. Nolte	Legislative Secretary
Nathan S. Oakes	Legislative Secretary
Brenda R. Olson	Legislative Secretary
Peyton R. Parker	Legislative Secretary
Sarah Prineas	Legislative Secretary
Abigail R. Ross	Legislative Secretary

Liam M. Ruff.....	Legislative Secretary
Grace M. Running Hey.....	Legislative Secretary
Samantha A. Savala.....	Legislative Secretary
James M. Simmons.....	Legislative Secretary
Fran D. Smith.....	Legislative Secretary
Susan E. Staed.....	Legislative Secretary
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Samantha R. Stearns.....	Legislative Secretary
Ian C. Steenhoek.....	Legislative Secretary
John J. Steger.....	Legislative Secretary
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Kaylie N Wilson.....	Legislative Secretary
Truley G. Wingert.....	Legislative Secretary
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Megan C. Adam.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Paul D. Attema.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Benjamin R. Bouwkamp.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Kristi Bries.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Alyssa D. Brouillet.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
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Jill M. Morris.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Neil A. Nelsen.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Jacob Schrader.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Anna G. Senneff.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Mikayla A. Simpson.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Maria B. Sorensen.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Charles Telk.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Phyllis M. Toy.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Amy M. Walsh.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Henry R. Widen.....	Legislative Committee Secretary
Joan E. Skeffington.....	Bill Clerk
Randy H. Ross.....	Postmaster
Stephen J. Balderson.....	Sergeant-at-Arms I
Wayne W. Gieselman.....	Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Alvin L. Thrasher.....	Chief Doorkeeper
Linda J. Kinman.....	Doorkeeper
Frank P. Mauro.....	Doorkeeper
Donald E. Monaghan.....	Doorkeeper
Linda L. Smuck.....	Doorkeeper
Dennis N. Walsh.....	Doorkeeper

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Tanner D. Kenin	Abbey E. Welden
Paiven Z. Knoot	

The following is a list of the Joint Senate/House employees:

Zachary L. Bunkers	Facilities Manager I
Mark L. Willemssen.....	Senior Facilities Manager
Kathleen C. Bacus.....	Legislative Security Officer I
Jody W. Elliott	Legislative Security Officer I
James A. Eyberg	Legislative Security Officer I
Curtis L. Henderson	Legislative Security Officer I
Timothy P. Knapp.....	Legislative Security Officer I
Jeffrey L. Quigle.....	Legislative Security Officer I
Kert J. Schnell	Legislative Security Officer I
Richard D. Taylor.....	Legislative Security Officer I
Marland H. Winter	Legislative Security Officer I
Michael H. Winter.....	Legislative Security Officer I
David W. Garrison	Legislative Security Officer II
Arthur A. McBride IV.....	Conservation/Restoration Specialist II
Kathryn A. Murphy	Director of Human Resources

EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

January 11, 2021

To: Administration and Rules Committee

From: Meghan Nelson, Chief Clerk

Pursuant to [Senate Concurrent Resolution 1](#), duly adopted during the 87th General Assembly, the following is a list of changes for officers and employees of the House:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade- Step</u>	<u>Class of Appoint- ment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Admin. Assist. to Ldr.	Haley J. Hook	27-2 to	P-FT	05-30-20
Admin. Assist. I to Ldr.		29-2		
Sr. Admin. Assist. to Ldr. II	Jake D. Friedrichsen	41-5 to	P-FT	06-26-20
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Leg. Res. Analyst II	Brian E. Guillaume	32-3 to	P-FT	06-26-20
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Chief Clerk	Meghan JVW Nelson	44-5 to	P-FT	06-26-20
		44-6		

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade- Step</u>	<u>Class of Appoint- ment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sr. Admin. Services Officer	Kristin L. Wentz	35-8 to 35-8	P-FT E-FT	10-02-20
Sr. Caucus Secretary	Jessica L. Flannery	24-3 to 27-5	P-FT	11-27-20
Legis. Res. Analyst				
Caucus Secretary	Stephanie A. Philipps	21-7	P-FT	12-16-20
Legis. Res. Analyst I	Jason A. Covey	29-5	P-FT	12-28-20
Admin. Assist. I to Speaker	Melissa M. Deatsch	29-5	P-FT	12-28-20
Leg. Secretary	Gina M. Battani	15-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Deborah J. Baxter	15-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Candace J. Bradley	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	John W. Brandsgard	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Rosalie C. Brandsgard	15-2+1 to 16-2+1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Kristi Bries	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Shannon M. Brisbois	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Haley Brouillet	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Beverly A. Burns	17-6 to 16-6	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Deborah L. Bush	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Emilyn S. Crabbe	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Matt Dieke	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Mason E. Donelson	18-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Ethan Dunn	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Victoria S. Fillipi	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Susan R. Foster	18-4 to 18-3	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Grant E. Gale	17-1 to 15-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Andrea D. Gates	18-2 18-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Ellen T. Goodmann Miller	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Connie L. Graber	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Jackson Guilford	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Grayson R. Hardin	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Anna E. Hayes	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Jacob G. Holck	18-1 to 16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary				
Leg. Secretary	Camryn G. Huyser	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Anna Jacoby	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Kathi Judge	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Catherine S. Jury	17-8 to 16-8	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Robert W. Kroeschell	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Alexandra J. Kraber	17-8	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Cody J. McCreedy	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Anahi Morales Jimenez	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Jill M. Morris	17-2 to 18-2	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary				
Leg. Secretary	Erica E. Nasstrom	16-1	S-O	01-11-21

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade- Step</u>	<u>Class of Appoint- ment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Leg. Secretary	Alyssa A. Noe	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Valerie J.G. Nolte	15-1 to 16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Nathan S. Oakes	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Peyton R. Parker	17-2 to 16-2	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Sarah Prineas	15-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Abbey Ross	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Grace M. Running Hey	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Samantha A. Savala	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Jacob Schrader	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Anna G. Senneff	17-1 to 17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Mikayla A. Simpson	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Maria B. Sorensen	16-2 to 18-2	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Ella J. Stafford	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Ian Steenhoek	15-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	John J. Steger	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Sonya M. Swan	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	DeVon J. Walker	16-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Henry R. Widen	17-1 to 18-7	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Kaylie N. Wilson	17-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Secretary	Truley G. Wingert	15-1	S-O	01-11-21
Leg. Comm. Secretary	Grant J. Zajacek	17-1 to 16-2	S-O	01-11-21

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The following are resignations from the officers and employees of the House:

Legis. Res. Analyst I	Logan J. Murray	08-07-20
Legis. Res. Analyst III	Joseph M. Gilde	11-18-20
Admin. Assist. III to Speaker	Colin M. Tadlock	12-31-20

January 11, 2021

To: Administration and Rules Committee

From: Meghan Nelson, Chief Clerk

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Position	Name	Grade- Step	Class of Appoint- ment	Effective Date
Legis. Sec. Officer I	Michael H. Winter	20-2 to 20-3	P-FT	05-29-20
Leg. Sec. Officer I	Jeffrey L. Quigle	20-1 to 20-2	P-FT	06-12-20
Leg. Sec. Officer I	Marland H. Winter	20-1 to 20-2	P-FT	06-12-20
Leg. Sec. Officer I	James A. Eyberg	20-3 to 20-4	P-FT	06-26-20
Leg. Sec. Officer I	Curtis L. Henderson	20-5 to 20-6	P-FT	06-26-20
Leg. Sec. Officer I	Timothy P. Knapp	20-7 to 20-8	P-FT	06-26-20

The following are resignations from the officers and employees of the Joint Senate/House:

Legis. Sec. Coordinator II	Shawna S. Ferguson	11-12-20
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On motion by Windschitl of Harrison, the House was recessed at 8:42 a.m., until 5:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House reconvened at 5:37 p.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Bradley of Jones, Chair of the committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention, reported that the committee had performed its duty.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House Joint Resolution 1](#), by Hunter, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa eliminating involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 7](#), by Salmon, a bill for an act creating a work group relating to child fatality protocol and alleged child abuse.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[House File 8](#), by Jones, a bill for an act relating to limitations regarding health data collection.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[House File 9](#), by Wheeler, a bill for an act relating to pretrial contact between a prosecuting witness who is a minor and the defendant.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 10](#), by Salmon, a bill for an act relating to the court's discretion to require conservators to post bond.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 11](#), by Hite, a bill for an act relating to support of a child including support relative to the child's completion of high school graduation or equivalency requirements.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 12](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act creating the Iowa job training tax credit program and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Economic Growth**.

[House File 13](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act establishing a child care future zones program and fund within the economic development authority to award financial assistance to eligible persons involved in child care.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Economic Growth**.

[House File 14](#), by Brink, a bill for an act relating to the statewide preschool program by modifying provisions relating to eligibility, funding, and compulsory attendance and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 15](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act providing for access to feminine hygiene products in public school restrooms.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 16](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act relating to the termination of Medicaid managed care contracts, and including effective date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[House File 17](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act relating to eligibility for state child care assistance.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[House File 18](#), by Hite, a bill for an act relating to abuse of a human corpse and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 19](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act prohibiting employment discrimination based on unemployment status and providing remedies.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor**.

[House File 20](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act requiring employers to provide employees with meal periods and rest periods and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor**.

[House File 21](#), by Hite, a bill for an act relating to revitalization areas by authorizing cities and counties to provide property tax exemptions for certain property located in areas previously subjected to lending discrimination and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Local Government**.

[House File 22](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act relating to the hunting of black bears, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

[House File 23](#), by Holt, a bill for an act relating to requirements for using a dog to track a wounded deer.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

[House File 24](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act relating to firearm violence protective orders and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Public Safety**.

[House File 25](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act concerning review of disapproval of applications for liquor control licenses and permits by local authorities.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[House File 26](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act relating to the administration of elections, including voter identity verification,

straight party voting, and absentee voting, and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[House File 27](#), by Jacoby, a bill for an act relating to the absentee voting period.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[House File 28](#), by Salmon, a bill for an act relating to the intentional avoidance of traffic-control devices, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 29](#), by Jones and Bergan, a bill for an act establishing a scenic byways enhancement fund, including by providing for voluntary contributions to the fund, and including effective date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 30](#), by Jones, a bill for an act relating to golf cart operator exemptions from the state driver's licensing requirements, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 31](#), by Thorup, a bill for an act relating to overtime leave or pay earned by department of transportation highway maintenance employees.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 32](#), by Thorup, a bill for an act relating to reduced use of road salt on highways and streets.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 33](#), by A. Meyer, a bill for an act requiring the installation and maintenance of adult changing stations at highway rest areas.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

[House File 34](#), by Lohse, a bill for an act creating the new resident and new graduate tax credits, available against the individual income tax, and including retroactive applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 35](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act providing for an Iowa individual income tax checkoff for qualified Iowa zoos, making an appropriation, and providing for the Act's implementation.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 36](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act providing for the future repeal of certain tax credits.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 37](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act relating to private instruction by adding reporting requirements and requiring school districts to conduct health and safety visits for children placed under competent private instruction, independent private instruction, or private instruction.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Education**.

[House File 38](#), by Wolfe, a bill for an act relating to the sealing of juvenile delinquency records.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

[House File 39](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act relating to the regulation of employment agencies and employers and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor**.

[House File 40](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act relating to payment of employees for time off and vacation leave, making penalties applicable, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor**.

[House File 41](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act relating to unfair or discriminatory employment practices based upon issues relating to reproductive health, and including effective date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor**.

[House File 42](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act providing for the establishment of a school safety hotline, internet site, and mobile internet application, and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Public Safety**.

[House File 43](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act requiring certain peace officers, including tribal law enforcement officers, to wear and use a body camera and providing remedies.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Public Safety**.

[House File 44](#), by Hunter, a bill for an act defining infamous crime as election misconduct in the first degree that is vote fraud for the purposes of disqualifying a person from registering to vote and voting and from being a candidate for certain elective offices and limiting such disqualifications to the term of the sentence.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[House File 45](#), by Lohse, a bill for an act excluding from the computation of net income for state individual income tax purposes a portion of the net capital gain from sales or exchanges of assets, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 46](#), by Salmon, a bill for an act relating to licensing sanctions for certain governmental debts by restricting use of social security numbers.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 47](#), by Lohse, a bill for an act relating to the filing requirements for the business property tax credit and including effective date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

[House File 48](#), by Wheeler, a bill for an act relating to the repeal of the state inheritance tax and the state qualified use inheritance tax.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

The House stood at ease at 5:47 p.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 5:52 p.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and the honorable body of the Senate.

The Senate President was escorted to the Speaker's station, the Secretary to the Chief Clerk's desk and the members of the Senate were seated in the House chamber.

JOINT CONVENTION

In accordance with law and [House Concurrent Resolution 1](#), duly adopted, the Joint Convention was called to order at 5:53 p.m. Senate President Chapman presiding.

Senator Whitver of Polk moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the Senate President of the Joint Convention be authorized to declare a quorum present.

The motion prevailed.

Senate President Chapman announced a quorum present and the Joint Convention duly organized.

Senator Whitver of Polk moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House

of Representatives be appointed to notify and escort Governor Kim Reynolds into the House chamber and receive her.

The motion prevailed and the Senate President appointed as such committee Senators Cournoyer of Scott, Koelker of Dubuque and Ragan of Cerro Gordo, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Hein of Lee, Hite of Mahaska and Gjerde of Linn, on the part of the House.

The Executive Council was escorted into the House chamber.

The Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court and the Chief Judge and Judges of the Court of Appeals were escorted into the House chamber.

Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg and his family were escorted into the House chamber.

First Gentleman Kevin Reynolds and the family of the Governor were escorted into the House chamber.

The committee waited upon Governor Kim Reynolds and escorted her to the Speaker's station.

Senate President Chapman then presented Governor Kim Reynolds who delivered the following condition of the state message:

GOVERNOR'S CONDITION OF THE STATE MESSAGE

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Governor, legislative leaders and members, justices and judges, my fellow Iowans:

Our state constitution says that, every year, the governor must communicate to the general assembly the condition of the state. That usually happens in the morning on the second day of the legislative session, but tonight I'm breaking with that tradition so that I may speak directly to Iowans.

It's been a year—and I'll let you fill in whatever adjective you want. Covid-19. Civil Unrest. A drought. A derecho. We've been beaten and battered in about every way imaginable and some unimaginable. But together, we've met every challenge with bravery and outright grit.

We're told that "tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance, character." From what I've seen, there's no shortage of character in the people of Iowa. And despite what

we've been through—or maybe because of it—the condition of our state has never been stronger.

We live in a place where 82-year-old Blanche Chizek from Britt sewed over 1,000 masks and baked dozens of pastries for healthcare workers. Where 17-year-old Tanner Kenin recruited his friends to start a grocery delivery company for the elderly. Where an anonymous donor gave out more than \$80,000 in gift cards from local businesses to every resident of Earlham. And where countless other Iowans donated food, time, and resources.

Thousands of Iowans—truck drivers, manufacturers, grocery store clerks, meat-processing workers, and so many others—showed up to work everyday to make sure that the people of this state, and the world, were fed. Police officers, social workers, and government employees worked around the clock to deliver PPE and make sure Iowans continued to receive the services they depend on. Small businesses adjusted their hours and often how they operate to protect their employees and customers.

And nowhere was the dedication and commitment to others more evident than in our healthcare system.

Nurses, doctors, technicians, janitors, pharmacists, EMTs, social workers, and the thousands of direct care workers in our senior living communities: In 2020, you worked some of the longest hours, in the most uncertain conditions. Your actions saved lives. Your spirit inspired us.

And you didn't just provide medical care. Your patients often couldn't be with their loved ones, so you also provided them comfort and company. You sat with them when no one else could. You held their hand, facilitated calls to family, and in some cases stood by them while they took their last breath. While many of us were shielded from the worst of the pandemic, you were on the front lines everyday.

We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude, but we will try. Please join me in thanking these heroic Iowans.

Iowans are well-accustomed to the extremes of Mother Nature's temper, but the derecho in August was unlike anything we've seen. Hurricane-force winds recorded as high as 140 miles an hour raged across our state. Over one-third of our counties impacted; 584,000 households left without power; thousands of homes damaged. Millions of acres of crops were flattened, and as grain bins crumpled, we lost over 100 million bushels of grain storage. It was a disaster of unprecedented scope.

In Marshalltown, the derecho left behind three times as much debris as the F3 tornado that ripped through the city's downtown in 2018. And the scars will be evident for generations to come in places like Cedar Rapids and Marion, where they lost more than half of their tree canopy.

We praise the dedication of the more than 200 National Guard members who deployed to help remove debris; the local police, fire, public works departments, and emergency managers, who stepped up and served their neighbors tirelessly; and the dedicated staff of state agencies like DHS, DNR and DOT, who pressed ahead where their state needed them.

We thank the thousands of line workers who came from across the country to supplement the crews from Alliant, MidAmerican, and our other utilities to restore electricity with astonishing speed, often to the applause of Iowans.

I spoke with some of the line workers from out of state, and heard not only that our disaster was as bad as the aftermath of hurricanes whose names have been retired, but also that Iowans showed more hope, more patience, and more gratitude than people from anywhere else.

Good corporate citizenship was put on display not only by our power companies, but by essential suppliers like Hy-Vee and Fareway that donated food, water, and supplies. It was shown by small-business owners like Willie Ray Fairley, whose Willie Ray's Q Shack gave away hundreds of meals a day to people whose own refrigerators and stoves weren't working. Willie Ray didn't just fill hungry stomachs, he fed a sense of community. And that's what makes a disaster bearable.

What happened this year went beyond Iowa nice. You showed a humanity that rivals what most of us have seen in our lifetime.

Our job now is to hold on to that humanity. 2020 left its mark on everyone, but not evenly. There are people across this state who are still hurting. Many lost their job or their business or even their home.

And many lost loved ones to this horrible pandemic. For them, and for anyone who lost someone this year, whatever the cause, saying goodbye was even harder than it usually is. You may not have been able to be with them while they were sick, to hold their hand one last time, or to fully celebrate their life at a funeral with all of those they loved.

Whether you're in the chamber or watching at home, please take a moment, bow your head, and remember all of those we lost this year and the loved ones they leave behind.

Thank you.

When I stood here last year, our fiscal health was strong. We had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, incomes were going up, and our economy was roaring. Then 2020 happened.

We took a hit like everyone else, but we didn't falter long. Because of conservative budgeting practices, Iowa's diverse economy, the decision to keep over 80% of our businesses open, and the tenacity of our people, Iowa isn't facing a massive budget shortfall like many states.

As I stand here tonight, our unemployment rate has returned to 3.6%, one of the lowest in the country, and our GDP grew over 36% in the third quarter of 2020, outpacing the nation. Iowa's coming back, and we're coming back strong.

Iowa's success has always been about turning obstacles into opportunities and overcoming adversity together. The post-Covid world won't be the same as the pre-Covid world. And it shouldn't.

We've learned a lot. Entire sectors of our economy were forced to innovate overnight and adapt to survive. We can approach Iowa's economic recovery in a number of ways. We

can return to where we were, which is a realistic but still ambitious goal. Or we can take what we've learned and the innovation that's been applied over the past ten months and capitalize on the opportunity to reimagine, modernize, and possibly restructure everything from healthcare and education, to our workforce and quality of life.

It's about ensuring our future prosperity is widespread and reaches all people and all parts of Iowa, including those that too often feel left out when times are good.

That's why I formed the Economic Recovery Advisory Board this summer. Chaired by Ruan Transportation CEO Ben McLean, the 15-member board and 350 working group members volunteered their time and talents to meet my charge to be bold, innovative and direct about the challenges facing our economy. I want to thank them for their diligent work to make sure that we support every part of Iowa and every Iowan.

The report will be released soon, but there are a few big issues that we can begin to address tonight.

The need for universal broadband is one of them. As we've seen during the pandemic, high-speed internet is as vital to our communities as running water and electricity; if they don't have it, they can't grow.

Every year I've been governor, I've focused on expanding broadband to every Iowa community, and we're making progress. But not enough.

About a third of our counties are still broadband deserts, where high-speed internet is rarely offered. And for many Iowans, it's just not affordable. Iowa also has the second lowest broadband speeds in the country.

I'm done taking small steps and hoping for big change. This is the time for bold action and leadership. Let's plant a stake in the ground and declare that every part of Iowa will have affordable, high-speed broadband by 2025.

We'll get there by committing \$450 million over that time period, which will leverage millions more in private investment, giving Iowa the biggest buildout of high-speed internet in the country.

Iowa has more households with all parents working than any other state, yet we've lost one-third of our childcare spots over the last five years. When schools abruptly closed last spring, a system already under stress was pushed even harder.

Some families were able to adapt by working from home. Others leaned on grandparents, aunts and uncles, and family friends for support. In Pottawattamie County, a group of daycare providers and other partners teamed up to provide free daycare for essential workers.

But many parents weren't so lucky and struggled to find ways to care for their children and still show up for work—often in roles that are essential to all of us. Even when the coronavirus is a distant memory, Iowa will still need an abundance of high-quality child care so that families can prosper and children can grow.

Many of our communities and businesses are working together to address this issue. In Stuart, seventeen local businesses joined together to purchase an empty building, with plans to renovate and lease it to a childcare provider.

It's in our state's interests to encourage these types of public-private partnerships, which is why we created the Child Care Challenge Fund last year. It's an innovative program that encourages employers, community leaders, and others to collaborate in developing child care facilities.

This year, we need to fund that program, so I'm allocating \$3 million to jump-start these public-private partnerships. I'm also using \$25 million of child care development block grants to further promote child care startups. Every community has different needs and different resources. Just as the leaders in Stuart found a solution that fits their hometown, we want to facilitate local solutions in other places, too.

Let's remove the obstacles to high-quality, affordable child care so that Iowa families can nurture their kids while parents maintain the maximum freedom to enter and remain in the workforce.

As our economy comes back, we're facing a familiar problem: more job openings than there are people who have skills to fill them. That's why we need to continue the work we started with Future Ready Iowa, a program that is designed to increase the number of Iowans with education or training beyond high school.

Education *or* training. That's worth repeating. We have exceptional universities, colleges, and community colleges in this state. But not all skills are learned in a classroom. On-the-job training and reskilling are some of the most valuable ways to advance our workforce and increase Iowan's wages. We need to continue to find ways to recognize this type of experience.

We took a big step in June by passing a significant licensing reform package. It didn't get a lot of attention at the time, but at the beginning of this session we should stop to recognize how important it was: Iowa now has the most flexible licensing reciprocity and recognition laws in the nation, which sends a signal to the country that Iowa is open for business.

And we're not done. This year, we'll begin the task of reviewing each of our licensing boards and commissions to make sure they are serving their purpose.

We must also continue the great strides we've made by integrating work-based learning into the K-12 curriculum. We know that many kids think of education differently when it involves real-life experience. They see why education matters and it can be key in helping them choose and prepare for a career that fits them.

Many schools across the state are offering these work-based learning experiences. Let's make sure that every high-school student gets that same chance. I'm calling on the legislature to make that an expectation of all our schools.

When Iowa families come together after work and school, they need a place to call home. Unfortunately, we have a growing mismatch between where job opportunities are thriving and where people can find affordable places to live.

Some communities have rallied to buck this trend. Forest City hadn't seen a new affordable apartment complex in more than 25 years, so community leaders raised \$4 million in financing by leveraging local and state resources. And a new apartment complex was built in 2017.

In Davenport, leaders used the same public-private partnership to convert an old, vacant school building into 41 affordable apartments, which were rented within two months. This project brought new housing to the historic riverfront and served as a catalyst for redevelopment.

Forest City and Davenport exemplify the spirit of Iowa communities. But the reality is, there aren't enough resources to go around. Last year alone, Iowa communities requested more than three times what was available.

We must expand initiatives like these that address pent-up demand for affordable housing, helping our communities thrive and our families move where opportunities await them.

There's a lot to do this year, but if we tackle issues like broadband, childcare, workforce training, and affordable housing, we'll set Iowa on a solid path for economic prosperity for years to come.

And remember, that unlike many states we're starting from a good financial position. We aren't looking at tough budget cuts and we're certainly not looking at raising taxes. If anything, we need to continue the conversation about cutting taxes, and we can start by getting rid of the unnecessary triggers that were put in place in 2018. Let's make Iowa more competitive and guarantee our taxpayers that they can keep more of their hard earned money.

A high-quality education system is the foundation of our state. Historically, we've had some of the best schools in the nation. And I believe we still do. What many of our teachers and administrators did this last year was nothing short of amazing.

In Clear Creek Amana, Barb Hunt's special-education students were struggling with virtual learning, so she worked with transportation director Denny Schreckengast to convert a camper into a classroom. Since the kids couldn't come to the classroom, they brought the classroom to them.

In Hinton, when the school went to a hybrid model for a few weeks, teachers spent hours holding individual Zoom calls with students, sometimes going into the evening, to make sure they weren't falling behind.

At West Sioux, teachers personally went to the homes of Spanish-speaking families who needed help setting up internet service.

In Clarinda, the district was short on bus drivers so Josh Porter, a school administrator with a CDL, jumped behind the wheel to make sure his kids could be in the classroom.

And in Cedar Rapids, Noreen Bush, Superintendent of the second largest school district in the state, and her team, made heroic efforts to get her kids back into the classroom just weeks after many of their schools were ripped apart by the derecho, and she did it while receiving chemotherapy.

There are stories like this from all across the state. Teachers and administrators put their students first in uncertain and difficult times, especially as they implemented plans to safely and responsibly reopen schools.

But that hasn't been the case everywhere. Over the last few months, I've heard the frustration from many parents, students and teachers who didn't have the opportunity to go back to school. Let me give you just a sample of those frustrations.

I talked to a passionate teacher whose student hasn't logged in for class in nine weeks, and there is nothing she can do about it.

I visited with the parent of a child with special needs who is devastated by seeing her daughter's education and social progress fade because a computer screen isn't a substitute.

I spoke to a middle-school student who has to watch her younger siblings during the day and complete her own school work at night.

And I heard from numerous parents whose kids' school day consisted of just 60 to 90 minutes of online instruction per day, at most.

Nicole, a mother of three elementary students who, since March, have spent less than a week in the classroom, told me she's struggling to facilitate her children's online learning while keeping up with her job. She said she feels like she's failing as a parent, a spouse, and an employee.

These stories are heartbreaking. And let me assure you Nicole, it's not you who's failing. The vast majority of our schools found a way to safely and responsibly reopen, all day, Monday through Friday. It's past time that every district makes that happen. As one parent told me: "Options are good. But if some parents get the option to go 100% online, why don't my kids get the option to be 100% in the classroom?"

I agree, so tonight I am asking the legislature to immediately send a bill to my desk that gives parents the choice to send their child back to school full time. We can't wait any longer. Our kids can't wait any longer.

If there's one thing the pandemic has taught us about education, it's that our parents need choice. And it's not just in-person versus virtual. Sometimes it's about which school to attend altogether.

When some schools remained closed or went part-time this fall, a lot of parents sent their kids to private school or open enrolled. But not everyone had that option. Many parents can't afford private school. And because some of our larger districts prohibit open enrollment, they won't let you transfer to another public school.

One parent I talked to said that a school administrator actually recommended that she buy a house in the neighboring district if she wanted her son to go to school in-person.

We need to fix that. School choice shouldn't be limited to those who have the financial means or are lucky to live in a district that's confident enough to allow open enrollment. So let's make choice an option for everyone.

We can do that by making open enrollment available in all districts and by allowing our communities more flexibility to create public charter schools where there is a need for an alternative. And we should create education savings accounts for students who are trapped in a failing school; let's give them another choice by making sure money isn't their barrier.

Make no mistake, it's imperative that we have a strong public school system—which is why we have and will continue to prioritize school funding while many other states are cutting their education budgets. But school choice isn't a zero sum game. It has the potential to raise the quality for all schools. And for those schools that do fall behind, it ensures our children don't fall with them. Let's work together to make sure every child receives a quality education, regardless of income, and no matter their zip code.

In 2020, we saw an overwhelming call for racial justice in Iowa and across the nation.

We heard that call and, with a bipartisan effort, passed the More Perfect Union Act to improve police work in Iowa. I'm proud of that legislation, and we're continuing to make criminal justice reform a priority.

I'm also very proud of our law enforcement. They put their lives on the line every day—something we should never forget. And if we needed a reminder, last year's civil unrest and last week's attack on the Capitol provided it. Violence and anarchy is not acceptable. Period.

Our prayers are with the families of the Capitol Police Officers, who sacrificed their lives to defend the beacon of our democracy and the people in it. And our prayers are with every other officer who defends us against those who are intent on violence.

This summer, when protests gave way to rioting and looting in the Quad Cities, three Davenport police officers were ambushed. Thirty-two rounds of gunfire were pumped into the truck that Sgt. Lansing, Lt. Behning, and Detective Sievert were in.

The truck windows were shattered, Sgt. Lansing was shot in the leg, and multiple bullets struck his headrest. The truck took so much fire that it could barely accelerate, but Sgt. Lansing navigated it to safety.

In her Quad-City Times column, Barb Ickes eloquently wrote that this nightmare scene is “precisely what police train for,” but that “the resulting courage cannot be taught.” “Their escape is astonishing,” she said. “Most of us can't even imagine it.”

I couldn't agree more; please join me in thanking these brave officers, who are with us tonight.

We should never take this bravery for granted, but in cities like Minneapolis, Portland, and New York, they have. They've embraced the attacks on law enforcement, and now their violent crime rates are rising for the first time in a generation.

That's not going to happen in Iowa; not on my watch. We should never be afraid to talk about ways to improve policing, but there will be no talk of defunding the police here. Our men and women in blue will always have my respect, and I will always have their back.

To that end, I'll be introducing a bill that protects law enforcement and continues our march toward racial justice.

The bill will make clear that if you riot or attack our men and women in uniform, you will be punished. We won't stand for it.

The bill will also ban racial profiling and other forms of disparate treatment. Because no actions should ever be taken based upon the color of someone's skin. As Martin Luther King Jr. recognized, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Let's come together again, like we did last year, to support our law enforcement and racial justice. Let's make Iowa a safer place for everyone.

When Iowans come together, we do big things. We've grown our economy, protected life and our second amendment, lowered the tax burden on Iowans, supported our farmers and producers by increasing demand for biofuels, protected our environment by promoting renewable energy, and so much more.

Like this past year, when we watched healthcare in Iowa transform from a collection of competing hospitals and clinics to a single statewide healthcare system committed to collaborating for the sake of all Iowans.

As we move forward, let's build on this collaborative and innovative spirit. In my budget, I'm proposing \$1 million to encourage hospitals and clinics to start what's called a Center of Excellence. It's a program that aligns rural physicians with specialists, creating regional hubs that provide highly-skilled care closer to where patients and their primary-care providers live.

Whether you're dealing with the trauma of an accident or the joy of childbirth, it's not just the quality of the team that matters—it's the proximity. I want a better system of care for all Iowans, regardless of where they live.

I also want to be sure that when Iowans call 911 for an emergency, there's a quick response. I know members in this chamber are already working on a bill to improve rural EMS services; I look forward to working with you this session.

We must also continue our focus on mental health. While the virus threatened our physical wellbeing, the realities of last year placed unimaginable stress on so many Iowans. Seniors were isolated from friends and loved ones; kids were kept out of the classroom and away from the stability it provides; and thousands of Iowans had their livelihoods turned upside down.

In the last three years, we have reformed our mental health system and we're continuing to make it better. I'm proposing to increase mental health funding by \$15 million this year, and another \$15 million next year, to fully fund those reform efforts. And I know that our mental health regions are working on innovative solutions to address the unique needs of children who have been affected by the pandemic.

And because of the legislation we passed last year, which allows schools to host behavioral health sessions by using telehealth services, kids no longer have to leave school for hours to receive quality treatment.

That's a lesson many of us learned over the last ten months: telehealth is a powerful tool that we should continue to encourage and expand. And it's not just for mental health. Thousands of Iowans experienced it first-hand this year, receiving treatment and check-ups from their own home.

In 2020, we asked so much of our healthcare providers. And they've met those expectations at every step of the way. Many of our hospitals were at the forefront of developing treatments for Covid-19, and the University of Iowa has been key in the development of vaccines.

The availability of vaccines marks the most significant turning point since the pandemic began. And I'm proud to say that Iowa is one of the states leading the nation in administering the vaccine.

To date, nearly 100,000 Iowans, including our healthcare workers, have received their first dose, and several thousand have now received their second. By the end of the week, everyone at the Iowa Veterans Home, our largest nursing facility in the state, will be vaccinated. And by January 25, all 90,000 nursing-home residents and staff will have received the vaccine, ensuring that Iowans most at risk are among the first to have this protection.

I know we are all eager to be vaccinated and turn the corner, and wider distribution to more Iowans is imminent.

But as we begin to put 2020 behind us, I have two requests for my fellow Iowans.

First, let's not forget those neighbors who are still hurting. Reach out. Keep volunteering; continue to stock food banks. Continue to show the country that it doesn't take a pandemic or a derecho to lend a helping hand.

Second, let's not return to normal. Let's be better. Let's think bigger. Be bolder.

If anything, this year has shown us what we can accomplish, and how fast we can do it. Hold onto that spirit. To that ingenuity and collaboration. To the feeling that we're working for the greater good, and not ourselves.

If we can do that—if we can work with and for each other—then we will do great things.

I believe in this State, because I believe in you. I've seen what you've done; I've watched, sometimes with tears of pride in my eyes. And that's how I know that the condition of our State is strong. Because *you* are strong—stronger than you ever imagined.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the great state of Iowa.

Governor Kim Reynolds was escorted from the House chamber by the committee previously appointed.

On motion by Windschitl of Harrison, the Joint Convention was dissolved at 6:48 p.m.

Speaker Grassley in the chair at 6:48 p.m.

COMMITTEE REVISION

The Speaker announced the following change to committee assignments effective immediately:

Local Government
Gustafson replaced McClintock

STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

H.S.B. 1 **Ways and Means**

Relating to tax credits awarded by the economic development authority for specific capital contributions made to certified rural business growth funds for investment in qualified businesses.

H.S.B. 2 **Human Resources**

Relating to child care reimbursement rates under the state child care assistance program.

H.S.B. 3 **Human Resources**

Establishing a graduated eligibility phase-out program for state child care assistance.

H.S.B. 4 **Agriculture**

Regarding driving privileges of persons issued a special minor's driver's license who reside or are employed on a farm, and making penalties applicable.

H.S.B. 5 **Public Safety**

Relating to unintentionally causing the death of a person by operating a motor vehicle at an excessive speed, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.

H.S.B. 6 Public Safety

Relating to probation, providing penalties, and including effective date provisions.

H.S.B. 7 Human Resources

Relating to the number of children receiving child care at any one time in a child care home.

H.S.B. 8 Human Resources

Relating to the use of generally accepted accounting principles relative to determining allowable costs when reviewing Medicaid provider cost reports.

H.S.B. 9 Public Safety

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

H.S.B. 10 Judiciary

Concerning the implantation or insertion of microchips or other devices in employees by employers.

H.S.B. 11 Judiciary

Relating to the defense of justification for certain violent crimes.

H.S.B. 12 Judiciary

Relating to judicial motions and causes of action arising from a person's participation in matters of public significance.

H.S.B. 13 Judiciary

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the qualifications of electors.

H.S.B. 14 Judiciary

Relating to the creation, administration, and termination of minor guardianships.

H.S.B. 15 Judiciary

Relating to the definition of sex act or sexual activity for purposes of the Iowa criminal code.

H.S.B. 16 Judiciary

Relating to sexual abuse in the second degree.

H.S.B. 17 Judiciary

Relating to the sex offender registry including duration of registration requirements and sexually motivated extortion.

H.S.B. 18 Judiciary

Relating to a special sentence for sexual abuse committed during a burglary.

H.S.B. 19 Judiciary

Relating to the appointment of a guardian ad litem for certain child prosecution witnesses.

H.S.B. 20 Judiciary

Relating to the calculation of certain court costs in probate matters, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

H.S.B. 21 Judiciary

Relating to trusts, including requirements for certifications of trust and the general order of abatement.

H.S.B. 22 Judiciary

Creating the criminal offense of defrauding a drug or alcohol test and providing penalties.

H.S.B. 23 Judiciary

Relating to replacement of the term visitation with the term parenting time relative to time awarded to a parent.

H.S.B. 24 Judiciary

Relating to crime victims, including the collection of evidence in sexual abuse cases and the establishment of an automated tracking system involving sexual abuse evidence collection kits.

H.S.B. 25 Information Technology

Relating to personal delivery devices, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**House File 6**

Human Resources: Dolecheck, Chair; Andrews and Ehlert.

STUDY BILL SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**House Study Bill 1**

Ways and Means: Lohse, Chair; Gjerde and Nordman.

House Study Bill 2

Human Resources: Fry, Chair; Boden and Ehlert.

House Study Bill 3

Human Resources: A. Meyer, Chair; Bradley and Ehlert.

House Study Bill 4

Agriculture: Thorup, Chair; Breckenridge and Latham.

House Study Bill 5

Public Safety: Thorup, Chair; Gobble and Kressig.

[House Study Bill 6](#)

Public Safety: Fisher, Chair; Andrews and Breckenridge.

[House Study Bill 7](#)

Human Resources: Fry, Chair; Bacon and Ehlert.

[House Study Bill 8](#)

Human Resources: Bergan, Chair; Brown-Powers and Bush.

[House Study Bill 9](#)

Public Safety: Holt, Chair; Klein and Wessel-Kroeschell.

[House Study Bill 10](#)

Judiciary: Lohse, Chair; Bohannon and Mitchell.

[House Study Bill 11](#)

Judiciary: Kaufmann, Chair; Klein and Wolfe.

[House Study Bill 12](#)

Judiciary: Hite, Chair; Bohannon and Westrich.

[House Study Bill 13](#)

Judiciary: Kaufmann, Chair; Bohannon and Wheeler.

[House Study Bill 14](#)

Judiciary: Hite, Chair; Mitchell and Wolfe.

[House Study Bill 15](#)

Judiciary: Mitchell, Chair; Klein and B. Meyer.

[House Study Bill 16](#)

Judiciary: Mitchell, Chair; Klein and B. Meyer.

[House Study Bill 17](#)

Judiciary: Westrich, Chair; Klein and Wolfe.

[House Study Bill 18](#)

Judiciary: Salmon, Chair; Klein and B. Meyer.

[House Study Bill 19](#)

Judiciary: Jones, Chair; Gustafson and Wessel-Kroeschell.

[House Study Bill 20](#)

Judiciary: Gustafson, Chair; Lohse and Wessel-Kroeschell.

[House Study Bill 21](#)

Judiciary: Jacobsen, Chair; Lohse and Wessel-Kroeschell.

[House Study Bill 22](#)

Judiciary: Wheeler, Chair; Lohse and Oldson.

[House Study Bill 23](#)

Judiciary: Osmundson, Chair; Bohannon and Hite.

[House Study Bill 24](#)

Judiciary: Lohse, Chair; Westrich and Wilburn.

[House Study Bill 25](#)

Information Technology: Bacon, Chair; Gobble and Williams.

On motion by Windschitl of Harrison, the House adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021.